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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
ON NON-ALIGNED DRAFT

REF: USUN 5475, USUN 5572, USUN 5591

SUMMARY: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD AFTERNOON DEC 12
TO DISCUSS NON-ALIGNED DRAFT. USSR DELEGATE IN AGREED MOVE
PRESENTED VARIOUS CHANGES TO WORDING AS DELAYING TACTIC.
RESULT WAS THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD MORNING
DEC 13 TO DETERMINE "FINAL" WORDING OF TEXT BASED ON HOPED-
FOR RECEIPT OF LETTER INVITING SYG TO TAKE PART IN
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL MEETING OF SC MEMBERS (ALL
PRESENT EXCEPT CHINA), WORDING OF NON-ALIGNED DRAFT
DISCUSSED. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL CHAIRMAN PRESENT, AMB
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SEN (INDIA) RAN MEETING AND INTRODUCED DRAFT BY STATING

THAT IT WAS BASED ON LACK OF RECEIPT OF ANY OFFICIAL INVITATION TO UN TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN PEACE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, OWING TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD MORNING DEC 12, IT WAS NOW KNOWN THAT A ROLE FOR UN IN PERSON OF SYG WAS ENVISAGED AND INDEED A LETTER SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING INVITING SYG TO PARTICIPATE. THEREFORE, DRAFT COULD BE WORKED ON TO REFLECT CONTENTS OF LETTER. AFTER MUCH WRANGLING ON WHAT LETTER MIGHT CONTAIN, IT WAS DECIDED TO WORK ON DRAFT WITH IDEA THAT LETTER WOULDN'T REACH SC IN TIME TO REFLECT ITS CONTENTS IN DRAFT RES OR CONSENSUS.

2. AS AGREED UPON WITH US PRIOR TO MEETING, USSR DELEGATE (OVINNIKOV) PRESENTED MANY CHANGES IN AN EFFORT TO DELAY AGREEMENT. MOST DELEGATIONES TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION AND ONLY FRANCE REFRAINED FROM TAKING PART CLAIMING THEY "HAD SAID ALL THEY INTENDED TO SAY AT THE DEC 12 MORNING MEETING."

3. DRAFT CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS, SUBJECT TO FINAL DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL AT 1030 MEETING DEC 13:
QUOTE THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING THAT IT DECIDED BY ITS RESOLUTION 338 OF 21 OCTOBER 1973 THAT TALKS AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242 SHOULD BE HELD UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES,

NOTING THAT A PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST IS TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 18, 1973 AT GENEVA UNDER THE AUSPICES, OF THE UN.

1. TAKES NOTES OF THE LETTER OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (DOCUMENT S/.....);

2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD MAKE SPEEDY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST;

3. FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE SECRETARY
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GENERAL WILL HAVE A USEFUL ROLE AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THAT HE WILL PRESIDE OVER ITS PROCEEDINGS, IF THE PARTIES SO DESIRE;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO KEEP THE SECURITY COUNCIL SUITABLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE

COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE PROBLEMS ON A CONTINUING BASIS (AND TO DECIDE IF ANY CHANGE IN THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF UN PARTICIPATION AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS CALLED FOR.)

5. REQUESTS THE SYG TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

4. OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 3 AND THAT PORTION OF OPERATIVE PARA 4 IN PARENTHESIS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE TOTALLY PROVISIONAL PENDING RECEIPT OF A LETTER INVITING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. UK DELEGATE (WEIR) STRONGLY OPPOSED INCLUSION OF FINAL PHRASING OF OPERATIVE PARA 4. NON-ALIGNED SEEMED WILLING TO DELETE.

5. USSR DELEGATE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW WORDING OF PREAMBULAR PARA 2, AS WELL AS NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5. IN ADDITION HE ALSO WILLING TO ACCEPT DELETION OF FINAL CLAUSE IN OPERATIVE PARA 4, AS SUGGESTED BY UK.

6. MEETING ON DEC 13 WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT SHAP DRAFT WILL TAKE -- RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS -- AND WHAT TYPE OF SC MEETING SHOULD BE HELD. MOST MEMBERS ARE AGREED THAT NO OBSTACLE SHOULD BE PUT IN WAY OF CONFERENCE ITSELF AND WOULD PREFER TO AVOID ANY "FIRST STAGE OF ARGUMENTATION" BY PARTIES CONCERNED TAKING PLACE IN SC MEETING. BENNETT

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